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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to shared operational functions for purposes of  
2 supplementary weighting for school districts and including  
3 applicability provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 5, Code 2017, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. *Shared operational functions — increased student*  
4 *opportunities — ~~budget years beginning in 2014 through 2019.~~*

5 a. (1) In order to provide additional funding to increase  
6 student opportunities and redirect more resources to student  
7 programming for school districts that share operational  
8 functions, a district that shares with a political subdivision  
9 one or more operational functions of a curriculum director,  
10 principal, or school counselor, or one or more operational  
11 functions in the areas of superintendent management, business  
12 management, human resources, transportation, or operation  
13 and maintenance for at least twenty percent of the school  
14 year shall be assigned a supplementary weighting for each  
15 shared operational function. A school district that shares an  
16 operational function in the area of superintendent management  
17 shall be assigned a supplementary weighting of eight pupils for  
18 the function. A school district that shares the operational  
19 functions of a principal or an operational function in the area  
20 of business management, human resources, transportation, or  
21 operation and maintenance shall be assigned a supplementary  
22 weighting of five pupils for the function. A school district  
23 that shares the operational functions of a curriculum director  
24 or a school counselor shall be assigned a supplementary  
25 weighting of three pupils for the function. The additional  
26 weighting shall be assigned for each discrete operational  
27 function shared. However, a school district may receive the  
28 additional weighting under *this subsection* for sharing the  
29 services of an individual with a political subdivision even if  
30 the type of operational function performed by the individual  
31 for the school district and the type of operational function  
32 performed by the individual for the political subdivision are  
33 not the same operational function, so long as both operational  
34 functions are eligible for weighting under *this subsection*. In  
35 such case, the school district shall be assigned the additional

1 weighting for the type of operational function that the  
 2 individual performs for the school district, and the school  
 3 district shall not receive additional weighting for any other  
 4 function performed by the individual. The operational function  
 5 sharing arrangement does not need to be a newly implemented  
 6 sharing arrangement to receive supplementary weighting under  
 7 this subsection.

8 (2) For the purposes of [this section](#), "*political*  
 9 *subdivision*" means a city, township, county, school corporation,  
 10 merged area, area education agency, institution governed by the  
 11 state board of regents, or any other governmental subdivision.

12 b. School districts that share operational functions with  
 13 other school districts are not required to be contiguous school  
 14 districts. If two or more districts sharing operational  
 15 functions are not contiguous to each other, the districts  
 16 separating those districts are not required to be a party to  
 17 the operational functions sharing arrangement.

18 c. Supplementary weighting pursuant to [this subsection](#)  
 19 shall be available to a school district for ~~a maximum of~~  
 20 ~~five years during the period commencing with the budget year~~  
 21 ~~beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning~~  
 22 ~~July 1, 2019 and succeeding budget years~~. The maximum amount  
 23 of additional weighting for which a school district shall be  
 24 eligible in a budget year is twenty-one additional pupils.  
 25 Criteria for determining the qualification of operational  
 26 functions for supplementary weighting shall be determined by  
 27 the department by rule, through consideration of increased  
 28 student opportunities.

29 d. Supplementary weighting pursuant to [this subsection](#)  
 30 shall be available to an area education agency for ~~a maximum of~~  
 31 ~~five years during the period commencing with the budget year~~  
 32 ~~beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning July~~  
 33 ~~1, 2019 and succeeding budget years~~. The minimum amount of  
 34 additional funding for which an area education agency shall  
 35 be eligible in a budget year is thirty thousand dollars, and

1 the maximum amount of additional funding for which an area  
 2 education agency shall be eligible is two hundred thousand  
 3 dollars. The department of management shall annually set  
 4 a weighting for each area education agency to generate the  
 5 approved operational sharing expense using the area education  
 6 agency's special education cost per pupil amount and foundation  
 7 level. Criteria for determining the qualification of  
 8 operational functions for supplementary weighting shall be  
 9 determined by the department by rule, through consideration of  
 10 increased student opportunities.

11 ~~e. This subsection is repealed effective July 1, 2020.~~

12 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget  
 13 years beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
 16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 Code section 257.11(5) provides supplementary weighting  
 18 for school districts and area education agencies that share  
 19 operational functions. A district that shares with a political  
 20 subdivision one or more operational functions of a curriculum  
 21 director or school counselor, or one or more operational  
 22 functions in the areas of superintendent management, business  
 23 management, human resources, transportation, or operation and  
 24 maintenance for at least 20 percent of the school year is  
 25 assigned a supplementary weighting for each shared operational  
 26 function. Supplementary weighting under this provision is  
 27 available for a maximum of five school budget years beginning  
 28 July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning July 1, 2019.

29 This bill adds the position of principal to the category of  
 30 operational functions that receives supplementary weighting of  
 31 five pupils. The bill also strikes the provisions limiting the  
 32 number of years for which the supplemental weighting may be  
 33 claimed and the provisions establishing the period of school  
 34 budget years during which the supplementary weighting may be  
 35 claimed.

1     The bill applies to school budget years beginning on or after  
2 July 1, 2018.